## Internet Searching

The Internet is a useful research tool... Know when to Use it...

Know what you are reading... View it critically!

### Tip One
Know when the web is the right search tool

- Professional information
- Statistical information
- Government or other institutional information
- Grey literature

### Tip Two
Choose an appropriate search engine

Some examples:

- Google – good, basic
- Scirus – specialized search engine
- Clusty – Metacrawler, Clustering

### Tip Three
Create an advanced search

- Exclude ‘stop’ words (the, a, for – etc)
- Look for the advanced search screen or learn the advanced tools - “ “, AND, OR, -.

### Tip Four
Mine your results for search language

- Synonyms – youth, adolescent, teenager
- Don’t assume singular or plural
- Canadian, British or American spellings

### Tip Five
Know how to read a web page

- Recognize domain extensions – gov,.ca,.com,.edu,.org,.museum etc.
- Know where to find the date and authorship

### Tip Six
Turn a critical eye to everything you read

- Is this a credible source?
- Is there a bias?
- Are there supporting links?
- Is it important that the information be current?